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## **Let No Story Go Untold – Join Us for an Open House at the Montana Talking Book Library**

*Celebrating 45 years of bringing the joy of reading to Montanans*

March 11, 2013 – March is National Talking Book Library Month and the Montana Talking Book Library is celebrating with an **Open House on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 from 2 – 4 pm at the Montana State Library** (1515 East 6th Avenue, Helena).

Authors Christine Brown and Chere Justo, as well as photographer Tom Ferris, will be on hand to talk about their book *Hand Raised: The Barns of Montana*, which is the first book from a Montana author to be digitized by the Montana Talking Book Library. Several other Montana authors will also be present for book signings including:

- Lenore McKelvey Puhek (*The River's Edge: Libby Townsend Meagher and Thomas Francis Meagher: Their Love Story; Annie: The Cabin in the Woods*)
- Flora Wong (*Long Way Home*)
- Jim Sargent (*Too Poor to Move But Always Rich*)
- Sharron Ensign (*Tamar's Dream*)

Tours of the recording area, and the Montana Talking Book Library collection will be offered during the open house. Demonstrations of the newly available digital audio services will be ongoing. Sponsors and supporters of the Talking Book Library's mission, including the area chapters of the Montana Association for the Blind, will also be present.

The public is invited to come learn about all the services the MTBL provides, meet the volunteers and staff who make the program possible and visit with Talking Book Library patrons. The Montana Talking Book Library provides a unique service that enriches the lives of many Montanans and this event is a wonderful opportunity to both celebrate that accomplishment and honor the people who make it all possible.

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For those unable to use standard print materials due to visual, physical and/or reading disabilities, the Montana Talking Book Library (MTBL) provides free loaned digital library audio books. Materials are delivered to the users two ways: recorded books and playback equipment loaned free of charge through the mail and in a downloadable form for users with high speed internet. Currently the MTBL serves over 4,000 Montanans with free book and magazine services. The Montana Talking Book Library employs six staff members and receives support from nearly 100 volunteers.

*Serving Montana Residents Who Can No Longer Read Standard Print.*